



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) FY 2002 and FY 2003 Implementation Plans for the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI)

Strategic Goal #2:

Improve data collection, analysis, and dissemination for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Objective 1:

Improve surveillance system by utilizing the CDC-developed Tuberculosis Information System (TIMS) in Guam, Republic of Palau (Palau), the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), American Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and the Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI).

Strategy:

Meet with World Health Organization (WHO) about using a standard data collection tool.

Time Frame: September 2002 and 2003.

Performance Measures:

TIMS in patient medical records used.

Funding/Activity Type:

N/A, B/Continue funding for the TIMS surveillance activity is a variable amount from each applicants' cooperative agreement. Additional travel funds for any necessary meetings will come from house operation funds from within CDC's National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention/ Division of Tuberculosis Prevention.

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Objective 2:

Establish and maintain a consistent and routine HIV and AIDS case reporting system in all six funded Pacific Island jurisdictions by using either the electronic HIV and AIDS Reporting System (HARS) or a modified manual system, when appropriate.

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Strategy:

Set up meetings with CDC's Division of HIV and AIDS Prevention Surveillance and Epidemiology's Surveillance Branch to determine a strategy to establish this system.

Time Frame: September 2002 and 2003.

Performance Measures:

- a. Routine HIV and AIDS case reporting system established and maintained.
- b. HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report on timely and update case reporting indicated.

Funding/Activity Type:

N/A, B/Continue expansion and enhancement of existing funding for HIV Surveillance.

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Objective 3:

Collect results and analyze Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) from the Pacific Region including American Samoa, RMI, CMNI, Republic of Palau, Guam, and Hawaii.

Strategy:

- a. Publish results and analysis of data collected in the 2001 YRBS from the Pacific Region.
- b. The Pacific Region will conduct the 2002 YRBS to all public middle and high schools.

Time Frame: September 2002 and 2003.

Performance Measures:

- a. The result of the 2001 YRBS data analyzed and used to guide programming in the Pacific Region.
- b. The results of the 2003 YRBS analyzed and published for the Pacific entities.

Funding/Activity Type:

\$45,000.00, B/Cont.

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Objective 4:

Characterize molecular changes that serve as early and quantitative markers for neurotoxic effects.

Strategy:

Conduct research to characterize changes in gene and protein expression and in protein phosphorylation.

Time Frame: September 2002 and 2003 (project period September 2002 to September 2003).

Performance Measures:

Biomarkers of neurotoxicity that can be used as pre-clinical indicators of related chemicals, physiological and environment factors, which they interact, are associated with subtle neurological effects of these agents that adversely affect the nervous system identified.

Funding/Activity Type:

\$435,895; A/Cont.

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Objective 5:

Establish relations between cause and effect hampered by a lack of defined human cohorts, verification of exposure and the lack of quantitative index of brain tissue damage.

Strategies:

- a. Recruit men with Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's dementia in the autopsy subset of the Honolulu Heart Program cohort.
- b. Examine the interrelations among markers of pesticide exposure, quantifiable tissue injury, and clinical and pathological evidence of parkinsonism and dementia.
- c. Determine levels of glial fibrillary acidic protein present in specimens documented by clinical and neuropathologic historical assessment.

Time Frame: September 2002 and 2003.

Performance Measure:

The existence of more sensitive and precise indicators of neurotoxic damage in humans utilizing methods validated in over ten years of animal research that are directly transferable from experimental research to clinical and epidemiologic research established.

Funding/Activity Type:

\$107,369, A/Cont.

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Objective 6:

Protect the health and safety of agricultural workers and their families, and to prevent occupational disease and injury among agricultural workers and their families.

Strategy:

Conduct research, education, and prevention projects to address the nation's pressing agricultural health and safety problems.

Time Frame: September 2002 and 2003.

Performance Measures:

- a. Tractor-related fatalities through combined activities including research, surveillance, and education efforts across several Centers prevented.
- b. Responding to safety and health problems of children in agriculture addressed. More than 600 Agricultural Center publications, presentations, and training courses completed accomplished.

Funding/Activity Type:

\$7,178,209, A /Cont.

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Objective 7:

Improve the safety and health of construction workers through evaluating targeted intervention strategies for their effectiveness and applicability across the industry.

Strategies:

- a. Identify, develop, evaluate, and disseminate best safety and health practices.
- b. Reduce the risk of high-incidence hazards in construction by developing and conducting targeted interventions.
- c. Develop and implement an economic research agenda.
- d. Evaluate the cost-benefit or cost-effectiveness of various health and safety interventions.
- e. Identify innovative methods for addressing work organization characteristics as they relate to health and safety in construction

Time Frame: June 30th, 2002 and 2003.

Performance Measures:

- a. Best safety and health practices identified, developed, evaluated, and disseminated.
- b. The risk of high-incidence hazards in construction by developing and conducting targeted interventions reduced.

- c. An economic research agenda developed and implemented.
- d. The cost-benefit or cost-effectiveness of various health and safety interventions evaluated.
- e. innovative methods for addressing work organization characteristics as they relate to health and safety in construction identified.

Funding/Activity Type:

\$5,011,986, A/Cont.

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Objective 8:

Plan and implement an on-site hazard survey of establishments and workers.

Strategies:

- a. Provide funds and support activities (methods development, feasibility studies, pilot testing, etc.) to implement a new national on-site hazard survey managed by the Hazard Section/Surveillance Branch.
- b. The national hazard survey will provide national estimates of worker exposure to chemical, physical, biological agents, ergonomic, and safety hazard.

Time Frame: September 2002 and 2003.

Performance Measures:

- a. National estimates of worker exposure to chemical, physical, biological agents, ergonomic and safety hazards, exposure controls, and health and safety practices, resources and services by industry sector and occupation provided.
- b. Priorities for prevention strategies that include medical and engineering interventions, development of occupational standards, and the identification of research needs established.
- c. A first draft of a Survey Justification for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) completed.

Funding/Activity Type:

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Objective 9:

Increase the number of states conducting Adult Blood Lead Epidemiology and Surveillance (ABLES) program and enhance the state surveillance programs in reducing to zero the number of workers having blood lead concentrations of 25 mcg/dL or greater of whole blood (Objective 20.7 in *Healthy People 2010*).

Strategies:

- a. Conduct follow-up interviews with physicians, employers, and workers; investigate work sites.
- b. Provide technical assistance.
- c. Provide referrals for consultation or enforcement.
- d. Develop and disseminate educational materials and outreach programs.

Time Frame: September 2002 and 2003.

Performance Measures:

- a. The number of states conducting adult lead surveillance increased.
- b. Follow-up interviews with physicians, employers, and workers; investigate work sites conducted.
- c. Technical assistance and referrals for consultation or enforcement provided.
- d. Educational materials and outreach programs developed and disseminated.

Funding/Activity Type:

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Objective 10:

Further the field development, evaluation, and demonstration of interventions aimed at reducing worker exposure to moving vehicles and equipment operating inside the boundaries of work zones and other work areas.

Strategies:

- a. Assess Intervention costs, implementation problems, and worker and management acceptance of interventions.
- b. Disseminate results to unions, trade associations, and equipment manufacturers.

Time Frame: September 2002 and 2003.(project period September 2002 to 2006).

Performance Measures:

- a. Methods and purchase of equipment needed for time and motion studies (WZAS) evaluated.

- b. Prototype HASARD systems for select types of construction and mining heavy equipment (e.g., haul truck, paver, compactor, etc.) developed.
- c. Purchase of promising proximity devices evaluated.

Funding/Activity Type:

\$40,125, A/Cont.

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Objective 11:

Evaluation of Electrical Safety High School Curriculum. This project will research the critical elements that contribute the most strongly in improving secondary school vocational education students' knowledge, attitudes, and behavioral intentions about Occupational Safety and Health (OSH). By identifying how best to reach these young workers, this project supports the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) area of Special Populations at Risk with its focus on adolescent workers.

Strategies:

- a. Students' knowledge gain, safe work attitudes and beliefs, and behavioral intentions on the job were assessed and compared to students who completed the current, generic electrical trades training program. Assessments occurred at baseline, post curriculum, and (as a measure of retention) after summer recess.
- b. During FY 2002, study results and completed curricula will be published and disseminated to vocational education programs nationwide.

Time Frame: September 2002 and 2003 (project began in 1998).

Performance Measures:

- a. NIOSH electrical safety curriculum during the 1999-2000 school year developed.
- b. The effectiveness of NIOSH-developed electrical safety training for young workers in secondary vocational education programs assessed, and student knowledge of, and attitudes toward, occupational safety & health (OSH) increased.

Funding/Activity Type:

\$15,120, A/Cont.

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Objective 12:

Illustrate CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) publications to convey information to illiterate, semi-literate, and English-as-a-second-language workers.

Strategies:

- a. NIOSH visual information staff, in consultation with experts in the field and our partner agencies, will produce multiple graphic renderings of each of the selected occupational safety and health terms.
- b. Focus groups and/or individual viewings will be used to evaluate the ability of the graphic renderings to convey meaning to the targeted non-English speaking and illiterate groups.
- c. The evaluation will include approximately 40 respondents identified through our partner agencies.
- d. The study subjects from each of the selected study populations will be interviewed in depth to determine the ability of the graphic renderings to convey meaning.

Time Frame: September 2002 and 2003.

Performance Measures:

- a. Multiple graphic renderings of each of the selected occupational safety and health terms produced.
- b. Selected occupational safety and health terms identified.
- c. The effectiveness of using graphics to communicate to non-English speaking and illiterate groups evaluated.

Funding/Activity Type:

\$109,522, A/Cont.

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Objective 13:

Identify relationships between 14 job stressors, depression, hypertension, angina, and myocardial infarction (heart attack); make recommendations that reduce the magnitude of cardiovascular disease and depression of 10,000 working men and 10,000 working women.

Strategies:

- a. Employees will be asked to sign requests for the release of medical records to NIOSH that pertain to Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) and depression.
- b. Baseline risk factors will be ascertained via questionnaire.
- c. Blood samples will be collected at enrollment and at the end of follow-up, and cholesterol and HDL will be measured.

Time Frame: September 2002 and 2003 (project period September 2001 to 2008).

Performance Measures:

The magnitude of cardiovascular disease and depression of working men and women reduced.

Funding/Activity Type:

\$1,554,063, A/Cont.

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Objective 14:

Evaluate interventions that will decrease accidents involving equipment at roadway construction work zone.

Strategies:

- a. The evaluation and design of traffic control interventions and methods to reduce worker exposure to moving equipment.
- b. The development of a new device called HASARD to prevent collisions between pedestrian workers and construction equipment.
- c. Evaluating off-the-shelf collision warning systems on construction equipment.

Time Frame: September 2002 and 2003 (project period September 2002 to 2007).

Performance Measures:

Number of workers exposed to moving construction vehicles and equipment reduced; fatalities and injuries related to vehicles and equipment reduced by 50 percent.

Funding/Activity Type:

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Objective 15:

Develop a validated respirator performance test for the NIOSH certification program.

Strategies:

- a. Fit factors of six quantitative fit-test methods will be compared to an exposure dose of Freon while 30 subjects wear seven full-face piece, negative pressure, and loose-fitting, powered air-purifying respirators.
- b. Correlation coefficients will be determined between fit factors and Freon exposure dose.
- c. Two hypotheses will be tested.

Time Frame: September 2002 and 2003.

Performance Measures:

- a. Policies and recommendations for respiratory protection developed and validated.

- b. NIOSH high APF respirators certification program completed.

Funding/Activity Type:

\$178,562, A/Cont.

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Objective 16:

Establish fit test panels into the NIOSH certification program.

Strategy:

Fifty individuals will be scanned and fit tested to investigate the association between fit and 3-D shape parameters.

Time Frame: April 2002 and 2003.

Performance Measures:

- a. An anthropometric database of about 4,000 workers with traditional measurements and 500 subjects using 3-D scanning technology established.
- b. A new design approach using 3-D data developed and compared to the traditional approach using only facial dimensions.

Funding/Activity Type:

\$174,844, A/Cont.

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Objective 17:

Target educational and informational programs to reduce the exposures of workers and minimize hazards associated with respirators.

Strategy:

A survey will be mailed to a representative sample of U.S. industry.

Time Frame: September 2002 and 2003 (project period September 2002 to 2003).

Performance Measures:

The exposures of workers and hazards associated with respirators reduced.

Funding/Activity Type:

\$92,929, A/Cont.

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Objective 18:

Establish a Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) in Hawaii.

Strategy:

Conduct quantitative and qualitative research in collaboration with the Hawaii Department of Health to identify risk and protective factors for infant mortality and factors contributing to the observed disparities.

Time Frame: September 2002 and 2003.

Performance Measures:

- a. Quantitative and qualitative research conducted
- b. Infant mortality decreased.

Funding/Activity Type:

\$90,071, B/Cont.

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Objective 19:

Identify risk and protective factors for infant mortality.

Strategies:

- a. Conduct quantitative and qualitative research through community involvement, media, policies and surveillance and evaluation.
- b. Discourage youth access to tobacco products.
- c. Decrease exposure to secondhand smoke.
- d. Encourage youth and adults to quit smoking.
- e. Empower youth through advocacy projects.
- f. Create media campaigns through television, radio, cinema ads, mall kiosk ads, and media advocacy events.

Time Frame: September 2002 and 2003.

Performance Measures:

Risk and protective factors for infant mortality in Hawaii and the 5 U.S.-associate Pacific jurisdictions identified.

Funding/Activity Type:

\$800,00 to Hawaii Dept of Health, \$120,000 each to 5 U.S.-associated Pacific jurisdictions, B/Cont.

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Objective 20:

Develop National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) in Republic of Palau.

Strategies:

- a. Plan and implement National Program of Cancer Registries.
- b. Develop model legislation and regulations for states to enhance the viability of registry operations.
- c. Set standards for data completeness, timeliness, and quality to provide training for registry personnel.
- d. Establish a computerized reporting and data-processing system that provide useful feedback for evaluating progress toward cancer control in all states and territories.

Time Frame: September 2002 and 2003.

Performance Measures:

- a. National Program of Cancer Registries planned and implemented.
- b. Model legislation and regulations for states to enhance the viability of registry operations developed.
- c. Standards for data completeness, timeliness, and quality to provide training for registry personnel developed.
- d. A computerized reporting and data-processing system that provide useful feedback for evaluating progress toward cancer control in all states and territories established.

Funding/Activity Type:

\$51,345 to Republic of Palau, B/Cont.

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Objective 21:

Develop and implement a multi-center collaborative Diabetes Translation Research Initiative and Translating Research into Action for Diabetes (TRIAD) within managed care settings in Hawaii.

Strategy:

Collaborate with the Pacific Health Research Institute (PHRI) to improve the quality of health care for persons with diabetes focusing on managed health care plans in Hawaii.

Time Frame: September 2002 and 2003.

Performance Measures:

TRIAD within managed care setting, and a multi-center collaborative Diabetes Translation Research Initiative developed and implemented.

Funding/Activity Type:

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